such, not been our first priority. Limited export of arms, surplus to our requirements, is, however, undertaken on a very selective basis to friendly countries.

Setting up of Ezhimala Naval Academy

1038. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have been evicted or have to be evicted for the setting up of Ezhimala Naval Academy; and

(b) what are the details of places where they are proposed to be rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala is responsible for the rehabilitation of the families reported to be 300 in number representing about 4,000 persons, likely to be evicted from the land on which the Naval Academy is being established.

Nuclear submarine supplied by the Soviet Union to India

1039. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union has supplied a Nuclear powered submarine to India for training purposes;

(b) whether the United States administration made the above fact an excuse for providing increased arms aid to Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reports to this effect have come to notice.

(c) Govt. carefully monitor all developments having a bearing on the country's security and take appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness at all times.

Schemes for the development of Lakshadweep Islands

1040. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Lakshadweep Islands had indicated that schemes were being prepared for the speedy development of those Islands;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes which are being prepared for the development of those Islands;

(c) whether those Islands are being air-linked with the main land and if so, the funds earmarked for the construction of an Airport; and

(d) the financial implications for the development of that Island?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) The third meeting of Island Development Authority was held under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 29th December, 1987 at Kavaratti, Lakshadweep. The Island Development Authority discussed various policies, developmental plans and implementation strategy for speedy, environmentally sound development of the two groups of Islands, viz: Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.